



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECEMBER BOARD NOTES

(NOTE: The agenda and materials for all Kentucky Board of Education meetings can be found on the board's online materials site at: <http://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&AgencyTypeID=1>. Also, a recording of the December 9 session can be found at <http://education.ky.gov/KBE/meet/Pages/default.aspx>.)

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COMMENTS FROM ROGER L. MARCUM, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR: ESSA AND 2016 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



My comments deal with two topics that were covered at the December 9 Kentucky Board of Education meeting, the passage of the new Every Student Succeeds Act by Congress and the board's legislative agenda. Both will require input and support from education shareholders.

As you know, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was passed by Congress to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This new legislation will enable our state to take a look at its assessment and accountability system to make it more understandable and find ways to improve the measurement of what students know and are able to do. The department and board will be asking superintendents, principals, teachers and other education shareholders to provide input and feedback to help move this work forward. We are all in this together and need to work with our new commissioner to reach solutions that benefit the learning of our students.

Shifting to the other topic, the board approved its 2016 Legislative Agenda during the December 9 meeting. It is focused on the following budget priorities:

- career and technical education for industry certifications, Regional Technical Centers, Local Area Vocational Education Centers, project-based learning and professional development, and equipment upgrade;
- preschool to increase the number of 4-year-olds from 160% of poverty to 200%;
- assessment for new science and social studies tests, an enhanced item pool for K-PREP, and an online K-PREP;
- SEEK transportation to more fully fund local district transportation costs; and

- education recovery to provide the staff necessary to assist the schools and districts in need of improvement and turnaround.

Additionally, the department and board will be advocating for the following policy initiatives: bullying, career and technical education, district turnaround, dual credit and the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement Fund. When you speak with legislators, the board would appreciate your support of the budget priorities and policy initiatives to help us ensure the continued effectiveness of these critical programs.

To see the details of the 2016 Legislative Agenda including the actual dollar amounts being requested, click on this link (<https://portal.ksba.org/public/Meeting.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&PublicMeetingID=14984&AgencyTypeID=1>) and go to Item XVII.B.

On behalf of the Kentucky Board of Education, thank you and the educators in your school district for their hard work with students. May you enjoy the 2015 holiday season and have a wonderful 2016!

GOOD NEWS ON PRIORITY SCHOOLS

At its December 9 meeting, Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster shared the most recent data relative to the progress of Priority Schools. She noted that of the 36 Priority Schools assessed during 2014-15, eleven exited Priority status, four scored in the Distinguished category and nine were categorized as Progressing. Foster also pointed out that three new schools entered Priority status.

As to addressing those schools not making an acceptable level of progress, Associate Commissioner Foster explained that Kentucky Department of Education staff are implementing novice reduction strategies, strengthening the capacity of leadership in those schools and districts and working to ensure resources are aligned to Priority School work.

To access the full report, click on the following link: <https://portal.ksba.org/public/Meeting.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&PublicMeetingID=14984&AgencyTypeID=1>.

For more information on Priority Schools, contact Dr. Kelly Foster at (502) 564-5130, ext. 4005 or via e-mail at kelly.foster@education.ky.gov.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS SCREENER RESULTS RELEASED

As part of the December 9 Kentucky Board of Education meeting, the latest Kindergarten Readiness Screener data was released. It showed that many of our young students are at a disadvantage for learning before they even start school.

The board learned that only about half of students who entered kindergarten in 2015-16 were ready. Commissioner Stephen Pruitt emphasized the importance of the data in that kindergarten teachers can use it to guide instruction and provide targeted support and interventions aimed at closing achievement gaps.

To see the full kindergarten readiness screener data, go to the supplemental data section of KDE's Open House (<http://openhouse.education.ky.gov/Data>). Also, for more information on the screener instrument, go to the press release found at the following link:

<http://education.ky.gov/comm/news/Documents/R%2015-137%20KScreen%20results.pdf>.

For questions on this topic, contact Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis at (502) 564-9850, ext. 4151 or via e-mail at amanda.ellis@education.ky.gov.

EDINGTON SWORN-IN AS BOARD MEMBER

Susan Kaye Edington of Madisonville was sworn-in as a new Kentucky Board of Education member on December 9. She replaces Jay Parrent, who resigned. Dr. Edington will complete the rest of the unexpired term ending April 14, 2018.



Edington is a faculty member in the College of Education at Murray State University and 2+2 Education Coordinator at the Murray/Madisonville Regional Campus. She holds a bachelor's degree from Kentucky State University; masters' degrees from State University of New York/Plattsburgh and Murray State University and a doctorate from the University of Kentucky. Susan is actively involved with children and literacy as president of the Pennyrile Reading Association and president-elect of Delta Kappa Gamma/Kappa Chapter. She and her husband, Dan, reside in Madisonville and have two adult children.

For more information on this appointment, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 9 BOARD MEETING WERE:

- Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report of 2014
- Revocation of Exemption from School-Based Decision Making for Three Schools
- District Facility Plans for Ohio County, Paducah Independent, Somerset Independent, and Webster County
- District Facility Plan Amendment for the Boyle County School District
- 2015-16 Local District Tax Rates Levied
- 2015-16 Local District Working Budgets
- Waiver of Section 304 of the Kentucky School Facilities Manual, as incorporated by reference into 702 KAR 4:180, for the Danville Independent School District
- Waiver Request of Section 2 (1-9) of 702 KAR 6:090, for All School Districts
- Election of Bill Twyman as Vice-Chair for 2015-16
- Minutes from the October 6, 2015, Regular Meeting and August 14-15, August 25, August 28-29 and September 23 Special Meetings

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE DECEMBER 9 BOARD MEETING WERE:

- Kentucky's Economic Competitiveness Agenda

- State Assistance in Fleming and Robertson Counties and Caverna Independent
- State Management in Breathitt and Menifee Counties
- Strategic Plan Update
- Kentucky High School Athletic Association Audit from 2013-14
- Hearing Officer's Report
- KDE Employment Report (All offices except Office of Career and Technical Education)
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KBE MEETING DATES FOR 2016 AND 2017

KBE Meeting Dates for 2016

February 3, 2016	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 13, 2016	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 8, 2016	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 3-4, 2016	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 4-5, 2016	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 7, 2016	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE Meeting Dates for 2017

February 8, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 12, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 7, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 2-3, 2017	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 3-4, 2017	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 6, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort

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The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the December 9, 2015, regular meeting, conducted in Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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